

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  IES UTILITIES INC.	DOCKET NO. E-21427
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**ORDER ASSIGNING TO PRESIDING OFFICER**

(Issued May 17, 1999)

On January 28, 1999, IES Utilities Inc. (IES) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition for extension of electric franchise, identified as Docket No. E-21427. IES proposes to extend by .45 linear miles an existing 69 kV nominal voltage electric transmission line in Des Moines County, Iowa. On April 7, 1999, Richard L. Beames filed an objection in the docket.

IOWA CODE § 478.6 (1999) requires a hearing upon the filing of objections or when the petition involves the taking of property under the right of eminent domain. The Board will assign the matter to a presiding officer to establish a procedural schedule, set a date for hearing, and rule on the petition.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

Docket No. E-21427 shall be assigned to a presiding officer, pursuant to  
IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-7.1(4) (1999).

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.  
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1999.